

may use any number of hooks on one line for taking smelt in recognized smelt waters. Tip-ups and similar devices used for ice fishing must show the angler's name and address. All lines must be under immediate control. Hook size regulations exist on certain streams (see Exceptions to General Regulations by County (p. 14-18).

**Hoop Nets:** May be used for burbot only on certain waters Dec. 15 - last day of Feb. Permit needed from a DNR office (ask for list FO-232).

**Minnows For Personal Use:** Minnows for personal use only may be taken with hook and line, seines, dip nets, and traps with a valid fishing license. In trout streams minnows may only be taken during the open season for trout by hook and line or minnow traps. Minnows may not be taken from Big Glen L., Hatlem Cr. (Leelanau Co.), Portage L., Torch L., the North and South Portage Canal (Houghton Co.), in that portion of L. Superior west of Big Bay Point or any of their tributaries for 1/2 mile above their mouths. Gear restrictions are as follows: Seines must not be over 12 feet by 4 feet; hand nets not over 8 feet square and without sides or walls; and minnow traps not over 24 inches long. Minnow traps must bear user's name and address. Cast nets (not exceeding 8 feet in diameter without walls or sides) may be used to take minnows, alewife, smelt, and shad in the Great Lakes, L. St. Clair, and the Detroit R., St. Clair R., and St. Marys R.

**Spearing:** Hand, rubber, or spring-propelled spears may be used for certain species. See Table 5 (p. 11).

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## It Is Unlawful To:

**Possess or transport** any live transgenic (genetically engineered) organisms or the following nonnative fish: bighead carp (*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*), black carp (*Mylopharyngodon piceus*), silver carp (*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*), grass carp (*Ctenopharyngodon idellus*), members of the family Channidae and genus *Channa*, (known as snakeheads), bitterling (*Rhodeus sericeus*), Ide (*Leuciscus idus*), Japanese weatherfish (*Misgurnus anguillicaudatus*), rudd (*Scardinius erythrophthalmus*), tench (*Tinca tinca*), Eurasian ruffe (*Gymnocephalus cernuus*), tubenose goby (*Proterorhinus marmoratus*), or round goby (*Neogobius melanostomus*).

**Import, plant or transplant** white amur (grass carp), live game fish, or viable eggs of game fish.

**Buy or sell** fish or parts of fish, reptiles, amphibians, or crayfish taken under a sport fishing license.

**Take** fish for the sole purpose of removing the eggs.

**Take or attempt to take freshwater mussels** (clams or other bivalves) whether living or dead, including the shell or parts thereof (except zebra mussels) from any waters of the state except under provisions of a cultural or scientific investigation permit from the DNR.

**Take, attempt to take, or possess**, any threatened or endangered species, except as authorized by the DNR. For more information see <http://web4.msue.msu.edu/mnfi/data/specialanimals.cfm>.

**Possess or sell** a multi-pointed hook with a weight permanently attached.

**Possess** illegally taken fish or mutilated fish that cannot be measured or identified.

**Possess** more than the Michigan limit when fishing in Michigan waters even if holding licenses from more than one state or province.

**Commercially take**, possess, or sell rusty crayfish (*Orconectes rusticus*) in Michigan.

**Fish for** any species or possess fishing devices along a stream closed to fishing.

**Fish with** your hands, firearms, explosives, crossbows, setlines, poisons, or methods other than lawful fishing methods.

**Fish** anywhere in a fish ladder or within 100 feet of a lamprey control weir.

**Use a net** to take a fish within 100 feet of a dam (you may use a landing net to secure a legally hooked fish).

**Use a seine** for any species other than minnows.

**Use cast nets** in any inland water.

**Possess a spear, gaff, or bow/arrow** along a trout stream at any time.

**Shoot** reptiles or amphibians with a firearm (including spring, air, or gas propelled).

**Have a weight** rigidly attached to a multi-pointed hook; or suspended from a multi-point hook; or suspended below any hook *unless* the hook is on a dropper line (a leader) that is at least 3" long.

**Deposit litter**, fish offal, or any foreign matter, in any waters of the state or on any lands, private or public.

**Take** or attempt to take fish outside of the open season for that species.

**Commercially harvest** wigglers from any state waters from June 1 to September 1.

**Snag fish or retain a fish not hooked in the mouth.**

**Free Fishing Weekends**  
**June 11 & 12, 2005**  
**February 18 & 19, 2006**